

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of partisan politics entering what should be an objective and bias-free media. As a person who resides in an area centered between two separate media markets (Charleston, WV and Columbus, OH), I and my family are affected by the decisions made by Sinclair Broadcasting's ultra-conservative partisan board.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.